Northern country.

The difficult housing conditions no doubt have had a share in the general loosening of morals following the war years, but there has been no special increase in juvenile delinquency, except for the young girls who drifted to Helsinki and the bigger cities to find adventure, started out doing domestic work, and sometimes ended up as prostitutes. Public officials, the Church and several organizations do much work among these "people of the streets."

The greatest social problem in Finland before and after the war has been alcoholism. The annual consumption of alcohol in Finland is among the smallest in the world, but this figure is misleading, since much consumption is in the form of hard liquors. Moreover, the percentages for both those totally abstaining and those